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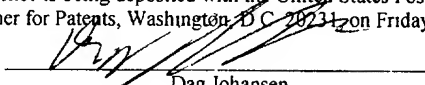


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application for:

Steven Teig, et al.

Serial No.: 10/062,193

Filing Date: 1/31/02

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
CREATING AN EXTRACTION MODEL
USING BAYESIAN INFERENCE

Examiner: <none yet>

Group Art Unit: 2812

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The undersigned respectfully requests the patent Examiner to amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows before examining the patent application:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please add the following abstract paragraph:

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Attny Docket:SPLX.P0112
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REMARKS

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated 2/28/2002 and the Notice of Incomplete Reply dated 7/8/02, the Applicants submit the enclosed Abstract of the Disclosure to formalize the Application. However, the Applicants submit that a full response containing all the required items to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts of 3/1/2002 was previously submitted to the U.S. PTO in the previous response dated 6/3/2002. (The enclosed Abstract of the Disclosure merely corrects informality.) Thus, no additional fee is required.

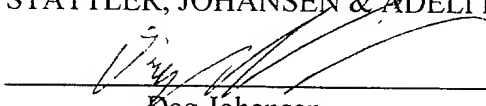
The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the above amendment. The Applicant respectfully requests examination at the earliest possible date.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this transmittal and associated documents, or to credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 50-1128** referencing SPLX.P0112.

Respectfully submitted,

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